

and a special can do attitude. As he now fights a very different kind of war, rebuilding his life without the aid of his two front legs, he now runs with his heart. His continued faith and courage in the coming years will serve as a source of inspiration to those around him and a lesson to us all. We should all offer our sincere blessings to him and his fine family that has stood with him through this ordeal. Capt. Guyton and his wife, Amy, intend to move back to where they first met at the University of Virginia to raise a family.

This poem, entitled "Stryking Deep!" was penned in Capt. Guyton's honor by a close friend, Albert Caswell.

STRYKING DEEP!

Stryking Hard!
Stryking Fast! Stryking Deep!
All in our lives, these things that which last!
All in our lives to keep!
Are but, all of those things that which count!
That, all hearts should so seek!
All in our hearts of love, like our gifts from above . . . that which so makes our Lord so weep!
All along our life's path, our Full Measure upon this earth as asked . . . to climb mountains, steep!
For there are only so many minutes, before out life's path is complete!
To leave behind, all in our lives . . . those things which last, oh how so very sweet!
For from This Great Old Dominion . . . Have but come, such great patriotic sons of distinction! Such Fine Virginians!
The likes of Washington and Lee, Marshall and Jefferson . . . all of these ones!
Who for our Country Tis of Thee, did what must so be done!
As when a Cavalier, went off to war . . . To Strike Out, and So Very Deep . . . for our Nations Freedom, to ensure!
Yea, he wasn't no regular Joe! For Strength In Honor, was his code!
Marching into the face of death . . . for us . . . the things he bore!
Remember, you sleep well this night!
All because of such men of light, who our Freedom's so ensure!
Who So Face Death! And To Us So Bless! Can you, but not ask for more?
As when that day came, as all in the midst of hell . . .
Near death, as he so lay . . . close to death that day! As when his fine heart would so swell!
As when he made that choice, to Stryk Back and Stryk Deep . . . and listen to his inner voice!
All in his loss, all in his pain! Looking down, as his strong legs so no longer so remained . . .
As upon, his most courageous face . . . the tears began to rain!
As his new war had begun, for this one of Virginia's finest Southern Sons . . .
To Teach Us, To Reach Us, To All Hearts . . . To So Beseech Us!
Stryking all of our Hearts, so very deep! With his courage and faith, that he would so keep!
Because, men like him . . . who with their hearts, towards Heaven run . . .
Our lives, will never be the same! And Capt. Joe Guyton, is his name!
And if I ever have a Son, I but hope and pray he could be like this one . . .
Moments, are all we have! All in our lives, To Stryk!
For What Is True! For What Is Deep! If its Heaven we wish to keep!
For such noble things in life, to so live and die for . . . is what is right!
For only from such hearts of Magnificence, can come light!

WILL WE STAND? WILL WE STRYK!
STRYK!

I extend to Captain Guyton my gratitude and deep appreciation for his service to the Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE GREATER SEATTLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, today I rise to offer special recognition to the Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA) as it celebrates the 20th anniversary of its Scholarship Fund for undergraduate students. For two decades, these scholarships have provided promise and support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) and Allied students with strong commitment to civil rights.

In 1990, two teachers witnessed the challenges that confronted LGBT students as they pursued a college education, including discrimination from professors, harassment by other students, and unsupportive families. These teachers took matters into their own hands and created the GSBA Scholarship Fund, the first scholarship fund for LGBT students in the United States. That year, the GSBA gave two scholarships of \$1,500 each. Since then, the Fund has grown significantly, and now grants a total of \$135,000 in scholarships each year, with the individual scholarships ranging in size from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

One thing that makes the Scholarship Fund so special is the diversity of the students it supports. GSBA scholars come from every corner of Washington State, from cities and from rural communities. They are people of color, male, female, and transgender. But no matter where they come from, these talented students have the drive and the passion to achieve great things in their lives. Indeed, former GSBA scholars have gone on to become doctors, social workers, teachers and public servants. And these scholars have continued to fight for social justice and equality for all, regardless of the careers they chose.

This 20th anniversary marks a particularly special milestone for the GSBA Scholarship Fund—the awarding of its one millionth dollar to support the education of LGBT and Allied students. The unfailing dedication of time, money, and talent by GSBA leadership, members, and volunteers have made this achievement possible. I extend my thanks and best wishes to the GSBA and its outstanding scholars on their twenty years of changing lives and creating hope.

HONORING PARAMEDIC BRET ANDERSON

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor Paramedic Bret Anderson for being selected as the Bartlett Fire Department's 2009 Firefighter of the Year.

Since joining the Bartlett Fire Department in 2006, Bret Anderson has been known around

the fire station for his positive attitude, his compassion, and his high regard for patients which has brought peace and comfort to many in times of crisis. After learning the ropes as a rookie and a lot of hard work, Paramedic Anderson has established himself as one of the premier first responders in Shelby County. Paramedic Anderson has displayed this knowledge and skill through several high impact incidents over the past year where his expertise contributed to positive outcomes.

I am pleased to know that experienced first responders like Bret Anderson are hard at work each day keeping the citizens of Bartlett safe. With his broad knowledge of life saving techniques, many people are alive today due to his quick action and high regard for the people he is treating. Paramedic Anderson has my deep gratitude and respect as he continues to selflessly serve our community each day by providing swift medical treatment wherever lives are on the line.

Please join me in honoring Bret Anderson and wishing him and his wife Farrah and their two children Zack and Taylor the best on this well-deserved award.

HONORING BOB REYES

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bob Reyes upon his retirement as the Principal of Fresno High School. After almost 40 years in education, Mr. Reyes will retire in June 2010.

Mr. Reyes spent the first 26 years of his career with the Kerman Unified School District. He served as a classroom teacher for 13 years and then moved into the administration office as an assistant principal at Kerman High School. After 8 years he was promoted to principal and spent 5 years leading Kerman High School.

Mr. Reyes was hired as the principal of Fresno High School in 1997. Over the past 13 years, Mr. Reyes has provided tremendous leadership to the school. The school's academic performance index scores have grown 149 points since 1999, and there has been a significant improvement in the test scores for the California Standardized Test in more recent years. In 2002 Mr. Reyes implemented the International Baccalaureate, IB, Program at Fresno High School, a program that prepares students to be independent learners with a focus on higher education. The program is accredited and graduates are looked upon highly by colleges and universities around the world. The IB Program has grown from the original "Great 8" in 2002 to a current enrollment of over 500 students.

Mr. Reyes recently started the Parent Institute for Quality Education to encourage more parental involvement. Over 200 parents have graduated from the program this year, which is the highest number in the San Joaquin Valley. Beyond the school, Mr. Reyes is active within the community, working to improve community relations by closely working with the Historic Fresno High Neighborhood Association.

Through his years of dedicated service, Mr. Reyes has received many awards from numerous organizations, including the "Heart of